



Security Council

Distr.: General
24 May 2006

Original: English

Letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey the attached letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Government of Timor-Leste, signed by the President, Prime Minister and Speaker of the National Parliament (see annex). The letter draws attention to the deterioration of the internal security conditions in Timor-Leste, and indicates that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has requested assistance from the Governments of Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia in sending defence and security forces to the country as a matter of urgency.

It is my hope that the Security Council will give favourable consideration to this request, on the understanding that the countries concerned are ready to provide assistance.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter urgently to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan



Annex

**Letter dated 24 May 2006 from the President, Prime Minister
and Speaker of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste addressed
to the Secretary-General**

In view of the deterioration of the internal security conditions in Timor-Leste, and in order to establish measures of security and confidence among the populations so as to restore tranquillity throughout the national territory and promote a climate of dialogue among the various sectors of society, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has requested assistance from the Governments of Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia in sending defence as well as security forces from their countries to Timor-Leste as a matter of urgency.

The request being made now to those countries is to take place in a bilateral framework taking into account the delay that a decision under the mandate of the United Nations would imply.

Nevertheless, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, conscious of the commitments it undertook before the United Nations, hereby requests Your Excellency to take the steps you deem necessary and convenient in order to obtain international support to the assistance to be extended by the aforementioned friendly countries.

(Signed) Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão
President of the Republic

(Signed) Mari Bim Amude Alkatiri
Prime Minister

(Signed) Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo"
Speaker of the National Parliament